

Dear Committee Members: I am an APRN whose specialty is adult mental health. The independent prescriptive practice for APRNs is appropriate and critical for opening up mental health access for many citizens who are in need. APRNs services are considerably more affordable than most psychiatrists (at least in Fairfield County). It has been my experience that psychiatrists who are willing to collaborate are hard to find.

APRNs are highly educated professionals who are certified in their specialty and are very qualified to independently practice their profession and prescribe according to their patients' mental health needs. Please consider voting in favor of Bill: HB No 6391.

Sincerely,
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